

REMARKS

Claims 1-28, 30-31, 36-49 are pending. Claims 1, 14, 28, and 36 are in independent form.

In the Advisory action mailed February 20, 2007, the Examiner indicated that references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 11, 2004, May 3, 2005, May 13, 2006, August 8, 2006, and September 11, 2006 had been considered by the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for clarifying this.

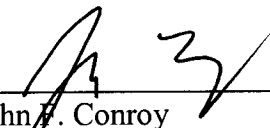
The Advisory Action mailed February 20, 2007 also contended that the response filed February 17, 2006 simply “rehashed” previously presented arguments. Applicant respectfully disagrees. For example, the response filed February 17, 2006 pointed out logical inconsistencies in the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed December 7, 2006. As another example, the response filed February 17, 2006 pointed out that no basis for the rejection of claim 28 under has ever been set forth and that the rejection was facially deficient under 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(2).

Since the amendments set forth herein are not believed to relieve these logical inconsistencies or the absence of any basis for the rejection of claim 28, the arguments set forth in the response filed February 17, 2006 are incorporated herein by reference. Applicant respectfully requests that an Office action which complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(2) be provided.

No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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